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Faulconer and Gloria Announce Changes to Create and Sustain Local Jobs

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Today, the San Diego City Council approved two measures designed to preserve and create local building-industry jobs at a time when many are struggling financially.

These changes, which take effect this fall, extend the deadline on expiring building permits from one year to two, and give builders more time to pay fees. Builders will have more time to secure financing and more cash on hand to hire construction workers and start projects.

"These changes will put San Diegans back to work," Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer said. "In this economic climate, creating jobs takes on extra importance, which is why Councilmember Todd Gloria and I pushed for these measures."

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce recommended the changes to Councilmembers Faulconer and Gloria, who pushed for quick approval in order to help San Diegans during these challenging economic times.

"With many San Diegans still reeling from the economic downturn, these two measures will help create and retain jobs in some of the industries that have been hardest hit by the recession," Gloria said. "These measures will help delayed construction projects get back on track and get people back to work."

Andrea Tevlin, the City's Independent Budget Analyst, supports the moves. "In the current economic climate, these changes could have a positive incentive for the construction industry that hopefully will result in additional jobs for the region," Tevlin wrote in a July 16 report.